

Parks and Open Space Category



2006 Virginia Outdoors Survey

***How important is it to protect Virginia's
natural & open space resources?***

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| • Very important | 67% |
| • Important | 27% |
| • Don't know | 4% |
| • Not important | 2% |



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2006 Ranking of Activities

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>% Pop Participating</u>
1	Walking for Pleasure	72%
2	Visiting Historic Sites	56%
3	Driving for Pleasure	55%
4	Swimming	44%
5	Visiting Nat. Areas, Parks	44%
6	Sunbathing on Beach	36%
7	Fishing	26%
8	Picnicking	26%
9	Using a playground	25%
10	Boating	24%



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What are the most needed outdoor recreation opportunities in Virginia?

- **Public access to state waters** **50%**
- **Trails for hiking, walking, bicycling** **49%**
- **Access to Parks and Natural Areas** **42%**



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Applications for public recreational and/or open space projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria...

Acquires land or a conservation easement that provides increased **public access** to state waters offering recreational potential





Acquires lands or easements adjacent to existing parks, protected conservation areas, or other recreational resources that expand and protect public conservation or recreational interests



Protects scenic viewsheds or land important to the protection of designated scenic resources:

- Federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers
- American Heritage Rivers in or adjacent to Virginia
- Virginia's Scenic Rivers
- Scenic Roads and Byways
- Recreational trails, including greenways or blueways

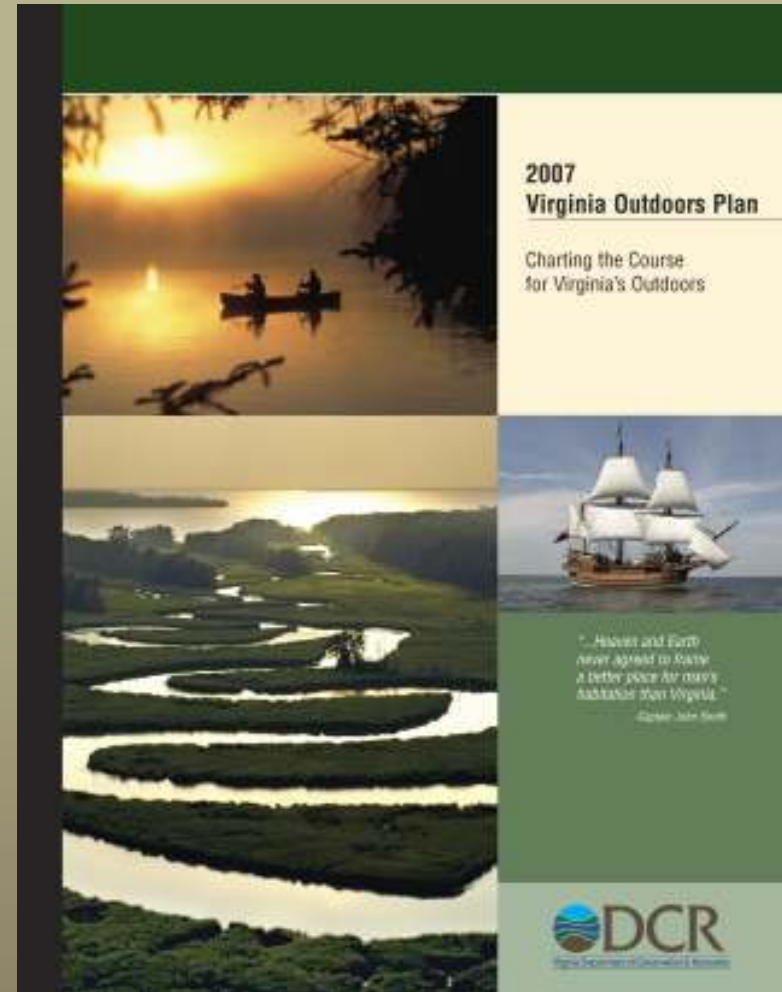


Supports local and/or regional comprehensive plans

- for parks, open space, and recreational facilities, and/or
- contributes to protection of a state, regionally, or locally identified conservation corridor

Addresses a need identified in the Virginia Outdoors Plan

(In both cases name and page number of plan must be cited)



Availability of land for public use,
including, but not limited to hunting, fishing, or wildlife watching



Conserves land in a densely populated or rapidly developing area:

- Locality with population of 90,000 or more, or
- Locality designated by the Commonwealth as an incorporated City, regardless of size
- Rapidly developing is defined as property identified in the VCLNA Outside the Urban Fringe Vulnerability Model with a threat value of 5



Site is threatened by development:

- Property is documented to be on the market currently or recently
- Is in an estate that is currently being settled, or
- Is adjacent to similar property which is on the market or sold in the past year



Online resources

Virginia Outdoors Plan

www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/vop.shtml

Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment

www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/vclna.shtml